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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE SECOND OFFICE ACTION Initial Comments

Claims 1-20 and 25-27 are pending in the present application. Claims 21-24 were previously withdrawn. Claims 11-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-6, 11-16, and 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,978,452 (Cho) or alternatively by U.S. Patent 5,974,414 (Stanczak).

Claims 7-10 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 11 is amended herein.